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EXAMINING GROUP 2800

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sundaram et al.

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For : GLIDE HEAD FOR ASPERITY  
DETECTION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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In response to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2000,  
please enter the following amendments and consider the following  
remarks.

IN THE ~~CLAIMS~~

Please cancel claim 17. Please amend claims 2, 16 and 18, as follows:

2. (Amended) A glide head comprising:  
an air bearing surface;  
a trailing edge connecting the air bearing surface with a top  
surface; and  
a first thermal transducer that is generally planar, the plane  
of the thermal transducer being oriented along the air-  
bearing surface and the plane of the thermal transducer  
not being oriented along the trailing edge.

16. (Twice Amended) A method of producing a glide head, the method  
comprising depositing a generally planar thermal transducer  
oriented along an air bearing surface of the glide head, wherein